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Westhampton, Mass. Annual Reports



1909



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
WESTHAMPTON, MASS.
FOR THE
Year Ending February 1, 1909



ENTERPRISE PRINTING CO.,
EASTHAMPTON. MASS

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

BIRTHS-1908

1908

- 1 May 17. Elizabeth Laura Hathaway.
- 2 July 12. Earl Franklin Galpin.
- 3 24. Noelyn Rovenia Galpin.
- 4 27. ——— Paige.
- 5 Aug. 26. Almond Willis Church.
- 6 Nov. 8. Olie Francis Coles.
- 7 18. Elmer Allen Seymour.
- 8 29. Walter Franklin Gett.

BIRTHS IN RECENT YEARS

'03	'04	'05	'06	'07
12	7	8	9	12

MARRIAGES-1908

1908

- 1 Mar. 10. Robert W. Witherell of Florence,
Nettie A. Pelton of Westhampton.

- 2 Sept. 1. Elbert R. Daley of Westhampton,
Delia Lacourse of Northampton.
- 3 Oct. 3. Frank D. Weeks of Westhampton,
Annie E. Elliott of Williamsburg.
- 4 Nov. 26. George D. Orner of Syracuse, N. Y.,
Harriet F. Judd of Westhampton.

MARRIAGES IN RECENT YEARS

'03	'04	'05	'06	'07
3	3	2	4	5

DEATHS-1908

1	Jan. 10.	Eli Gratton	67
2	13.	Franklin A. Bridgman	77
3	Mar. 11.	Patrick Campbell	70
4	June 18.	Otis C. Witherell	67—11—24
5	28.	Norma E. Rhoades	10— 9
6	July 30.	Eliza A. Bridgman	77
7	Aug. 5.	Ellen C. Edwards	65— 8
8	Sept. 8.	Reuben W. Clapp	86—11—19
9	13.	Mitchell Boucher	84
10	Dec. 19.	Elizabeth A. Judd	67

Causes of Death:—Congestion of Lungs 1, Bronchial Pneumonia 1, Senility 2, Asthma 1, Pyelitis 1, Ulceration of Bowels 1, Heart Disease 1, Strangulated Hernia 1, Cancer of Bowels 1.

DEATHS IN RECENT YEARS

'03	'04	'05	'06	'07
14	11	10	5	12

DOGS LICENSED, 1908

J. Guerin,	March 2	D. S. Bridgman,	May 2
M. G. Crandall,	" 2	E. Galpin	" 4
Mary A. Lyman	Apr. 28	G. L. Hathaway	" 8
W. R. Lyman (2)	" 28	G. L. Witherell	" 12
Mrs. F. Lyman	" 28	E. H. Montague	" 27
J. F. McCarthy	" 28	F. Howard	June 5
Alger Loud,	" 28	E. F. Page,	" 10
Levi Burt,	" 28	C. A. Bartlett,	" 25
A. J. Griffin,	" 29	J. H. Kingsley,	July 3
Mrs. E. Blakesley,	" 29	Oscar Bartlett,	" 25
E. J. Hathaway,	" 29	Frank Gillett,	Aug. 1
Frank Hathaway,	" 30	Nathan Damon (3)	" 4
George Coleman,	" 30	F. Gagnon,	" 17
George Graves (3),	" 30	Almond Benson,	" 26
A. K. Chapman,	" 30	A. S. Bridgman,	" 27
E. B. Clapp,	" 30	H. M. Clapp,	Sept. 10
L. W. Clapp,	" 30	Julius Billieux,	" 12

C. Benson,	May 1	S. A. Rust,	"	14
Attalie Pelton,	" 1	Allen Bluto (2)	"	28
O. W. Bartlett,	" 1	Etienne Challet,	"	28
I. O. Shaw,	" 1	F. Blakesley,	"	29
H. S. Ives,	" 1	Orville Flint,	"	29
A. D. Montague,	" 1	Henry J. Payson (2)		29
Earl Connery,	" 2	Ira Aldrich,	Sept.	29
T. Collier,	" 2	C. G. Loud,	"	29
A. D. Rice,	" 2	E. W. Payson,	Oct.	1
Chas. Williams, (2)	" 2			

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

F. A. Loud in account with the Town of Westhampton

DR.

To cash received for 6 mos. ending June 1, 1908

For license of 33 dogs at \$2.00	\$66.00
" " " 2 " " 5.00	10.00—\$76 00

CR.

By Clerk's fees, 35 dogs at 20 cents	\$7.00
By Cash paid County Treasurer	69.00—\$76 00

DR.

To cash received for 6 months ending Dec. 1, 1908

For License of 25 dogs at \$2.00	\$50.00
" " " 1 dog at \$5.00	5.00—\$55 00

CR.

By Clerk's fees, 26 dogs at 20 cents	5.20
By cash paid County Treasurer	49.80—\$55.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. LOUD, *Clerk*

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1909

I have examined the report of the Town Clerk and find it correct.

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAY

Levi Burt	87 85
Frank Blakesley	8 00
A. J. Griffin	2 25
N. A. Kingsley	13 50
C. A. Bartlett	24 75

LEVI BURT, SURVEYOR

Levi Burt	\$25 14
Frank Blakesley	18 00
C. A. Bartlett	11 75
Charles Stickney	6 75
Gilbert Flint	6 75
A. J. Griffin	7 50
N. A. Kingsley	5 00
Manly Blakesley	5 25

For gravelling road in March

————— \$86 14

HIGHWAY

Levi Burt	87 85
Frank Blakesley	8 00
A. J. Griffin	2 25
N. A. Kingsley	13 50
C. A. Bartlett	24 75
T. Gagnon	6 75
A. D. Rice	50
O. C. Bartlett	2 83
Levi Burt, Tile	5 10
“ “ Spikes	29
“ “ 56 feet Plank	1 12
“ “ 17 Posts	1 76
“ “ Railing, 200 ft.	2 00
“ “ Powder and Fuse	25
“ “	22 67
E. B. Clapp	1 87
M. K. Parsons	2 00—\$183 49

GRAVELLING RICE FLAT

Levi Burt	11 00
C. A. Bartlett	11 00
Frank Blakesley	11 00
Gilbert Flint	3 00
Orville Flint, Jr.	3 00
Almon Blakesley	6 00
Nelson A. Kingsley	3 00— \$48 00

PARSONS BRIDGE

Levi Burt	3 00
G. E. Knight	2 00
O. C. Bartlett	1 50
M. K. Parsons, 698 feet Plank	13 96—\$ 19 96

WATER TUB AND DAM

Levi Burt	11 28
W. H. Riley, Lead Pipe	10 78
W. R. Lyman, Planks	8 25—\$ 30 31
M. K. Parsons, old bill, 1904	20 84
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	\$388 74

P. A. CONNERY, SURVEYOR

P. A. Connery	\$45 80
G. W. Graves	18 83
Aaron Fisher	12 20
E. L. Gorham	5 00
A. L. Snow	18 00
Dennis Courtney	6 00
Hiram Daly	9 00
Etienne Challet	4 00
Albert Delisle	50
M. G. Crandall	1 05
A. W. Blakesley	9 00
W. R. Lyman	44 61
A. T. Edwards	7 99—\$181 98

NORTH APPROPRIATION

H. L. Dodge	27 50
I. O. Shaw	27 50
C. G. Loud	8 00
Eugene Galpin	7 50
Charles Williams	4 50
F. Hathaway	9 50
D. S. Bridgman	12 25—\$ 96 75

A. D. MONTAGUE, SURVEYOR

A. D. Montague	102 15
“ 537 feet Plank	10 74
“ 468 “ Lumber	9 36
“ 500 “ Hemlock	9 00
“ Posts	4 00
“ Nails	50—135 75
“ Reservoir Bridge	24 60
H. L. Dodge, Old Bill	6 39
“	34 15
C. G. Loud	16 75
E. J. Hathaway	2 08
Harry Shaw	12 50
I. O. Shaw	21 25
George Damon	2 25
C. Benson	18 90
T. W. Collier	75
W. W. Kingsley	1 50
Eugene Galpin	9 90

Frank Hathaway	10 50
Fred Hathaway	16 15
A. L. Hathaway	4 33
E. H. Montague	3 15
George Coleman	4 50—\$325 40

TOWN OFFICERS

A. K. Chapman, Treasurer	50 00—	\$50 00
F. A. Loud, Clerk	15 00	
“ Sealer	5 00	
“ Registrar	6 00	
“ Elector	4 00	
“ Recording Births, Deaths and Marriages	8 50	
“ Paid for Birth Returns	3 50—	42 00
H. M. Clapp, Auditor	5 00	5 00
A. D. Rice, Selectman	24 00	
“ Assessor	25 00	
“ Registrar	4 00	
“ Overseer of Poor	5 00	
“ Board of Health	2 50—	60 50
E. B. Clapp, Selectman	16 75	
“ Assessor	25 00	
“ Registrar	3 00—	44 75
D. S. Bridgman, Selectman	13 00	
“ Assessor	24 75—	37 75
A. D. Montague, Collector, 1905	6 42	
“ “ 1906	24 47	
“ “ 1907	60 00—	90 89

Levi Burt, Collector, 1908	75 00—	75 00
A. T. Edwards, Cattle Inspector	16 50	
“ Meat Inspector	25 00	
“ Quarantine and Notices	4 00—	45 50
C. G. Loud, Meat Inspector		15 00
G. E. Knight, Constable	6 50	
“ Sexton	2 00—	8 50
N. A. Ningsley, Election Officer		2 00
T. P. Elwell “ “		2 00
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		\$478 89

MISCELLANEOUS

District Court, G. S. Buckner	14 10
Enterprise Printing Co.	32 20
G. E. Knight, Repairs for Fire Co.	2 00
Westhampton Water Co.	5 00
Levi Burt, Blanks for Fire Permits	1 70
G. H. Batchelder, Insurance on Library	14 40
E. B. Clapp, Dog Fund for Library	100 07
E. W. Kingsley, Mowing Cemetery	6 00
E. L. Shaw, Counsel	6 00
C. T. Bagnall, Tax Book	54
G. H. Batchelder, Insurance on Schoolhouse	12 00
District Court, Buckner and Diamond	21 98
Westhampton Water Co.	10 00
District Court, G. W. Graves	22 47
A. D. Rice, Postage	50

H. L. Hawes, Handcuffs	4 25
G. E. Knight, Care Library	25 00
E. B. Clapp, Thayer fund for Parish	20 00
W. H. Lyman, Removing Hedge	25 00
C. N. Loud, 1907, Lumber	14 08
A. K. Chapman, Smith work	5 65
“ Postage	2 85
F. A. Loud, Stationery and Printing	7 00
“ Express	53
“ Postage	2 47
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	\$355 79

TAXES

State Tax	385 00
County Tax	343 75
Abatements, A. D. Montague, Collector	12 25
“ Levi Burt, Collector	
Abatement by Thayer Fund	14 00
“	20 88
Discount	158 80
Note paid	800 00
Interest	4 44—\$1,739 12

TOWN HALL

C. N. Loud, Wood, 1907	6 00
G. E. Knight, Janitor	10 00

W. A. Bailey, Brick	12 95	
J. A. Sullivan, Lime and Cement	2 15	
D. S. Bridgman, drawing Brick. etc.	5 25	
A. D. Rice	4 50	
E. B. Bridgman, Mason	12 00	
Gilbert Flint	5 25	
F. W. Blakesley, Wood	12 00	
Cord for Curtain	1 25—	\$71 35

SCHOOLHOUSE

F. N. Kneeland, Land	125 00	
C. N. Loud, Contract	750 00	
D. S. Bridgman, Grading	10 00—	\$885 00
State Aid	132 00—	132 00
Street & Wright funds	143 00—	143 00

STREET LAMPS

D. B. DeWolf	5 00	
G. H. Batchelder, Lamps	20 00	
“ Care of Lamps	17 00	
“ Oil, Gasoline, Chim- neys and Wicks	4 56—	\$46 56

POOR

Michael Mahher, State Hospital	7 60
“ Transportation	4 05

Hiram Daly, settlem't Pittsfield, Groceries	2 00	
“ Dr. L. H. Birmingham	43 00	
Soldiers Burial	37 00—	\$93 65

STATE ROAD

A. Hall	12 80
George Gett	9 60
Charles Stickney	4 00
O. C. Bartlett	13 60
Frank Niles	14 40
Joseph Guerin	17 10
Arthur Beckwith	15 15
A. J. Griffin	13 60
T. P. Elwell	14 40
Frank Hathaway	11 20
Fred Hathaway	11 20
Thomas Connelly	12 80
I. O. Shaw	9 60
Ernest Shaw	9 60
E. W. Payson	12 80
J. Guerin	4 00
Harry Crandall	8 00
Hiram Daly	12 00
M. K. Parsons	36 00
C. G. Loud	20 00
Alice Berson	29 60
H. J. Payson	19 20
F. W. Blakesley	32 00

A. T. Edwards	26 00	
W. R. Lyman	28 00	
M. G. Crandall	16 00	
C. A. Bartlett	20 00	
Levi Burt	14 00	
F. D. Bridgman	18 00	
A. D. Rice	22 50	
E. B. Clapp	26 50	
D. S. Bridgman	45 25	
G. W. Graves	26 75	
Horace Haunton	5 60	
Dennis McCarty	8 00	
Sharpening Picks	50 —	\$599 75

RECAPITULATION

Town Officers		478 89
Highway	896 12	
State Road	599 75	
North Improved	96 75—	\$1,592 62
Schoolhouse		885 00
Hall Repairs		71 35
State Aid		132 00
Street & Wright fund		143 00
Street Lamps		46 56
Support of Poor		93 65
Miscellaneous		355 79
Taxes		1,739 12
Total Selectmen's Orders		<hr/> \$5,537 98

School Committee's Orders	2,717 43	
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		\$8,255 41
Balance Feb. 1, 1908	2,439 06	
Assessment	4,403 07	
From Treasurer's book	4,010 06	—\$10,852 19
Balance Feb. 1, 1909		\$2,596 78

D. S. BRIDGMAN, { *Selectmen*
E. B. CLAPP, { *of*
A. D. RICE, { *Westhampton*

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1909

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find that they have drawn orders and have vouchers to the amount of five thousand five hundred thirty-seven dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$5537. 8).

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor*

List of Jurors.

Edwin B. Clapp
Geo. A. Witherell
Jared Williams

Francis A. Loud
O. Warner Bartlett
Arthur K. Chapman

Horace Haunton

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Real Estate Valuation	\$176,419 00	
Personal " "	49,231 00	
Total Valuation		\$225,650 00
Tax Rate, \$18.75 per \$1,000		
Real Estate Tax	3,307 95	
Personal " "	923 12	
Polls	172 00	
Total Tax		4,403 07

TAX LEVY

State Tax	385 00	
County Tax	343 75	
Highways	1,200 00	
Schools	1,200 00	
Support of Poor	200 00	
Town Officers	300 00	
Discount on Taxes	125 00	
Parsons Bridge	125 00	
Schoolhouse	200 00	
Contingent	250 00	
Overlayings	74 32—	\$4,403 07

D. S. BRIDGMAN,	}	Assessors of Westhampton
E. B. CLAPP,		
A. D. RICE,		

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1909

DR.

Balance from last year	\$2,439 06
P. A. Connery, overdrawn on roads	40 37
A. G. Jewett, int. on Wright Fund	25 00
Geo. E. Knight, int. on Thayer Fund	8 22
Clark Scholarship	90
City Auditor, Boston, for School Com.	134 50
Trustees Whiting Street Fund	70 00
State Treasurer, Tuition of Children	2 50
“ “ Inspection of Animals	7 87
N. A. Kingsley, int. on Wright Fund	37 70
Northampton City Treasurer, for Loud- ville School	210 61
Northampton Institution Savings on note	800 00
State Treasurer Corporation Tax	5 92
“ “ National Bank Tax	156 86

State Treasurer, State Aid	230 00	
“ “ Burial of Indigent Soldiers	35 00	
“ “ High School Tuition, special cases	365 00	
“ “ Income of Mass. School School Fund	1,218 80	
“ “ State Highway Loan Fund	480 00	
County Treasurer, Dog Fund	103 25	
Thayer Fund, int.	22 15	
Myra G. Strong Fund	3 77	
Oliver C. Bridgman Fund	18 91	
First National Bank, int.	15 12	
A. D. Rice, lead pipe	3 00	
A. D. Montague, Collector for 1907, int.	14 61	—\$ 6,449 12
Amount of Assessment		4,403 07
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		\$10,852 19

CR.

By paid orders of Selectmen	\$5,537 98	
“ “ “ School Committee	2,717 43	
Balance due from A. D. Montague, Collector Taxes for 1907	28 68	
Balance due from Levi Burt, Collector Taxes for 1908	338 92	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	2,229 18	—\$10,852 19

The above report shows a balance in the Town's favor of \$2,596.78—\$1,384.37 of which is school money.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. CHAPMAN, *Treasurer.*

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1909

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of eight thousand two hundred fifty-five dollars and forty-one cents (\$8,255.41), for which vouchers are on file and a balance of cash on hand of two thousand two hundred twenty-nine dollars and eighteen cents (\$2,229.18).

Due from Collector A. D. Montague twenty-eight dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$28.68).

Due from Collector Levi Burt three hundred thirty-eight dollars and ninety-two cents (\$338.92).

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor.*

REPORT

OF THE

Westhampton Cemetery Association

RESOURCES.

Balance left last year	\$16 69
Dividend from Easthampton Savings Bank	19 16
Dividend from Northampton Savings Bank	18 22
Received from Town for Mowing Cemetery	6 00—\$60 07

EXPENDITURES.

Labor and Teams	35 95
Teams Drawing Muck from Mr. Loud's Pond	24 00
Fertilizers.	1 50—\$61 45
Leaving a Deficit	\$1 38
Labor on Clark Lot	\$7 95
Leaving Balance on Strong Fund	\$7 73

EDWARD W. KINGSLEY,
Sec'y and Treas.

Library Committee's Report

DR.

Balance from last year	\$215 14
Interest received on note	53 00
Dog Fund	82 07—\$350 21

CR.

New Books, Magazines, etc.	\$134 19
Balance on hand	216 02—\$350 21

HENRY S. IVES,	}	<i>Library Committee of Westhampton</i>
A. D. MONTAGUE,		
ORVILLE FLINT,		

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED, ETC.

CENTER SCHOOL.

Vera A. Chapman.

No. of pupils enrolled	31
Total membership	30
Average “	25.3
Average attendance	23.4
No. over 15 years	1
“ under 5 years	1
“ between 7 and 14 years	17
No. of weeks school	34

Charles R. Burt, Louise A. Clapp, Evelyn H. Hathaway have neither an absent nor tardy mark during the year, and many of the other pupils have lost but two or three days, which shows that the parents of the children have been interested in the school as well as the children. The teacher has also been much interested in the pupils and several have this year entered the higher grade schools.

NORTH EAST.

Mabel L. Flint.

No. of pupils enrolled	13
Total membership	12.55
Average “	12.13
“ attendance	10.8
No. of pupils over 15 years	0
“ “ under 5 years	0
“ “ between 7 and 14 years	13
No. of weeks school	34

This is the first time in many years that there has not been any in the school not absent nor tardy, and some years there have been several. Many of the pupils have been kept at home on account of the scarlet fever, but by prompt care on the part of the parents it was prevented from becoming an epidemic through the school.

LOUDVILLE SCHOOL.

Mary C. Powers.

No. of pupils enrolled	35
Average membership	29.31
“ attendance	26
No. of pupils over 15 years	3
“ “ under 5 years	0
“ “ between 7 and 14 years	26
No. weeks school	36

Irving Vias has been absent but one half day and has no tardy mark. Alice Connolly has but one day absent and no tardy mark. There has been quite a saving to the town in the cost of maintaining this school during the past year and we feel highly pleased in securing a teacher who has given so good satisfaction to take the place of the former teacher who has done such thorough and successful work for so many years.

HILL SCHOOL.

Louisa W. Congdon.

No. of pupils enrolled	15
Average membership	12.50
“ attendance	11.66
No. of pupils over 15 years	0
“ “ under 5 years	1
“ “ between 7 and 14 years	10
No. weeks school	34

Raymond S. Bartlett and Mary Graves have but one

day absent on the register and only one tardy mark each. Several others have been absent but two or three days and have no tardy mark. Some pupils have been transferred to other schools which make the difference between the number enrolled and the average membership.

NORTH-WEST SCHOOL.

Flora E. Torrey.

No. of pupils enrolled	15
Average membership	10 67
“ attendance	8 95
No. of pupils over 15 years	0
“ “ under 5 years	0
“ “ between 7 and 14	13
No. of weeks school	34

We have been very fortunate in securing as comfortable a place for this school after the schoolhouse burned, and the delay was only for a few days. The location was so near the center of distance that none of the pupils were greatly inconvenienced.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Flora B. Collins.

No. of pupils enrolled	14
Average membership	10 59
“ attendance	9 60
No. of pupils over 15 years	0

No. of pupils under 5 years	0
“ “ between 7 and 14 years	13
No. of weeks school	34

There has always been more damage done to this school-house than to any other in town. For the past season the teacher has been more or less troubled by some one, who had a key to the door, going in and erasing work she had put on the blackboard for the next day and putting on characters that were a disgrace to the ones who did it. A new door has been put on and a different lock.

EXPENSES.

Teachers' salaries	\$1,865 75
Northampton tuition	225 00
Chesterfield tuition, Lura Dodge	15 60
Easthampton tuition	90 00
“ “ Superintendent's salary	52 78
“ “ supplies	67 13
“ “ Loudville	30 60
Fuel, H. M. Clapp, 3 cords hard, 1 soft	18 00
“ W. R. Lyman “ “ “	18 00
“ A. D. Montague, 3½ hard, ½ soft	17 25
“ H. L. Dodge, 1½ cords mixed	3 50
“ C. N. Loud, 1907-8, 4 cords mixed, Hill	16 50
“ “ “ “ 3¾ “ Center	15 50
“ O. W. Bartlett, 1¾ hard	9 00
“ Ira Aldrich, sawing and packing	4 00
“ M. K. Parsons, soft wood for Loudville	9 25
G. L. Hathaway, labor, etc.	4 75

E. B. Bridgman, repairs	5 50
J. L. Hammett Co., books	5 42
C. K. Jewett Co., lumber and shingles	4 80
C. A. Montgomery, disinfectant	6 75
G. H. Bachelder, pens and pencils	6 00
M. G. Crandall, repairs	2 00
Ginn & Co., books	7 50
Alma J. Bridgman, music	119 70
Janitors	40 88
Cleaning	7 62
Sundries	4 65
C. N. Loud, services 1907-8, 12 days	30 00
F. D. Bridgman, 1907-8	8 00
A. D. Montague, 1908-9	6 00
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	\$2,717 43

RESOURCES.

Balance from last year	970 39
Town appropriation	1,200 00
City Auditor, Boston	134 50
“ “	2 50
Northampton, Loudville	210 61
High school tuition	365 00
Mass. school fund	1,218 80
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	4,101 80
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	2,717 43
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	\$1,384 37

The balance in the treasury will all be needed to pay the running expenses of the schools through the remainder of the school year, and, as the treasurer has already stated, can be used for no other purpose. We have received from the state a blank requiring us to state every item for which the state money has been used, and unless the whole amount can be accounted for it will probably affect the amount which the state has given the town.

The selectmen, together with the school committee, met at the place where the old schoolhouse stood, and after examining the grounds around that and the ground on the other side of the highway finally decided that the site where we have located the new building was nearer the center of travel for all who have pupils to send and much better protected from the wind.

We have now a building sufficiently large to accommodate all the pupils, and should the town ever conclude to sell any part of the lot bought of Mr. F. N. Kneeland they can reserve enough land for a large play ground for the pupils. Mr. Hathaway has also given us a right to a very nice spring of cool water only a short distance from the schoolhouse and we feel that the town is very fortunate in being able to procure so good a location.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. BRIDGMAN,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
A. D. MONTAGUE,		
C. N. LOUD,		

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1909

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee and find that they have drawn orders and have vouchers to the amount of twenty-seven hundred seventeen dollars and forty-three cents (\$2,717.43).

· HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor*

Report of the Joint School Board

TO THE DISTRICT COMPRISING THE TOWNS OF EASTHAMPTON, SOUTHAMPTON, AND WESTHAMPTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1908.

Received from State Treasurer	\$ 214 05
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Credited to Superintendent's salary:

Southampton	78 95
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Westhampton	49 48— 128 43
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Credited to towns of district on the average membership of all the schools of the district for the year ending July 1, 1908:

To Southampton	52 63
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To Westhampton	32 99— 85 62— \$214 05
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Received from towns of district
on same basis as above:

Town of Southampton's share

Superintendent's salary 168 42

Town of Westhampton's share

Superintendent's salary 105 56

Paid Superintendent's salary for
year ending July 1, 1908:

\$1600 00

Net cost to Easthampton \$1240 40

Net cost to Southampton 84 21

Net cost to Westhampton 52 78

FRANZ WILLER, Chm., } *Joint*
C. N. LOUD, Sec., } *Committee*

REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee:

Gentlemen:—

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools for the past year.

At the opening of the schools in September there were few changes in the teachers. The teachers who have not before taught in town are:

TEACHER	SCHOOL	WHERE EDUCATED
Eva M. Smith	Center	Framingham Normal
Ruth J. Bridgman	Northwest	Northfield Seminary

The following statistics are taken from the reports of the teachers at the close of the school year 1907-1908, ending last June:

REPORT FOR 1907—1908.

School	Whole Number	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance
Center	31	25.30	23.40	92
Hill	15	12.50	11.66	93
South	14	10.59	9.60	90
Northeast	13	12.13	10.80	89
Northwest	15	10.67	8.95	83
Loudville	35	29.31	26.00	88
Totals	123	100.50	90.50	

The report from Loudville includes the pupils from Northampton and Easthampton.

The Loudville school has been under the control of the Westhampton School committee for the year which this report covers. According to an agreement, the annual expense of maintaining the school is divided among the towns of Northampton, Easthampton and Westhampton in proportion to the number of days of attendance by the pupils of the three towns.

ATTENDANCE FOR 1907—1908.

Westhampton	2146 days.
Northampton	2032 “
Easthampton	373 “
Total	4,551 days.

The cost of the school for the year was as follows:

5 tons of Coal from Northampton	\$34 75
Supplies, Easthampton	29 86
Janitor	10 00
School's share of instruction in music	25 00
Teacher's salary	360 00
Wood	3 00
School's share of Superintendent's salary	9 08
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Total	\$471 69
Westhampton's share of expense	\$222 42
Northampton's " " "	210 6
Easthampton's " " "	38 66

There has been no change in the general character of the work. As in the past, we try to make a constant improvement in the standard of the schools, and to put especial emphasis on the studies that seem to be of the most importance to the pupils. Several pupils expect to enter high schools next September.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. MILLER

ARTICLES

IN THE

Warrant for Annual Meeting March 1, 1909

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon all reports to be presented at said meeting.

Art. 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers to serve the Town the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To vote "Yes" or "No" on the question, "Shall License be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this town?"

Art. 6. To see if the Town will accept of the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 7. To vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following question: "Shall an Act, passed by the General Court in the year 1908, entitled, 'An Act to provide for the

protection of forest or sprout lands from fire,' be accepted by this Town?"

Art. 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day..

Art. 10. To take action in regard to the Collection of Taxes.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money to meet current expenses in anticipation of Taxes.

